

# THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

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NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

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## SEE WEDNESDAY'S REPUBLIC FOR LEADING MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK BARGAINS.

### ARCOLA WAS HAPPY DESPITE BLIZZARD

Illinois Town Which Confiscated  
Trainload of Coal Kept  
Warm Yesterday.

### SMOKE FROM ALL CHIMNEYS.

Illinois Central's Agent Thinks  
Company Will Be Reasonable  
and Mayor of Town Will  
Take No Action.

### REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Arcola, Ill., Jan. 11.—Every one in Arcola wears a self-satisfied look to-day. Last night the thermometer went to 2 below zero and a snow six inches deep fell, but there is no suffering to-day on account of the coal famine, as the town is well supplied with coal. The trainload of coal confiscated by the citizens yesterday is to-day going up in smoke from hundreds of chimneys. It is warming the homes of the rich and the poor alike.

The people seem to care but little what action the railroad company will take in the matter. The general opinion prevails that there will be no attempt to procure indictments against the men who took the coal from the cars.

S. R. Leube, the local Illinois Central agent, when interviewed late this evening, said:

"I have heard nothing from headquarters to-day, but I think the company will be reasonable when they learn of the distress which existed here. In my railroad experience of forty years this is the first time I was ever held up."

Mayor Thomas F. Monahan said:

"The city will take no action in regard to the matter. If we started we would have to arrest every one in town. I think the people were justified in the seizure."

W. J. Bradbury, who weighed the coal, said:

"I kept a strict account of all that passed over our scales. I have written the company for an invoice of the cars and stand ready to make settlement for all except that which the more desperate in their eagerness failed to weigh."

The confiscation of the trainload of coal is the one subject of conversation in town to-day. The people who made the seizure yesterday went to church this morning, and the old proverb, "God helps those who help themselves," has many exponents to-day.

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### LARGE SUPPLY OF COAL SHIPPED TO MARKET.

More Anthracite Delivered by Reading Railroad Last Week Than Any Corresponding Period in Years.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad officials announce that for the week ending to-night more anthracite coal was taken down the main line than for any previous week in years.

The total is 19,200 tons of all classes of coal, or an average of 1,700 cars for each working day of the week, equal to nearly 25,000 tons. This was distributed in the company's territory as far as New York, and along its branch in this State and elsewhere.

The coal famine throughout this section has reached such an acute stage that many industries in the smaller towns will soon have to close, and in the country districts the distress is so widespread that teams have started for the Schuylkill County coal fields, thirty and forty miles distant, to supply pressing necessities.

In answer to the criticism, if so much coal is mined and shipped, why does it not relieve the famine, it is said that there are not enough industrial establishments that do not use coke or bituminous, and that many scores of these must be supplied with anthracite to keep them in operation.

### CAR FAMINE AT PANAMA, ILL.

Mines Are Not Being Worked on  
Half Time for This Reason.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Panama, Ill., Jan. 11.—Panama has four coal mines and if the cars could be procured could ship from 100 to 200 cars daily. Not even half time is being made at the mines because cars cannot be procured. The mines have gone to the expense of purchasing box car loaders, but not enough box cars can be got to load the coal. Good time has been made by the 400 coal miners up to last week, but now the miners are working but little, owing to the operators not being able to get cars.

G. V. Penwell, owner of the Penwell here, was yesterday subpoenaed by the Grand Jury in Chicago to state what he knew about the blockade in that city.

### SENATOR MARTIN QUITE ILL.

Hopes to Be Able to Return to Jefferson City Tuesday.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Marshall, Mo., Jan. 11.—Senator Ernest D. Martin, who returned home from Jefferson City Friday, immediately took to bed with intermittent fever and is still quite ill. When seen by a Republic reporter to-day Senator Martin said he was anxious to go back to Jefferson City Monday in order to be present when the Committee on Rules meet, as he is very anxious to see the adoption of the ten-day bill rule in the Senate this session.

He further stated that, if the committee does not meet before Tuesday, he hopes to be well enough to return to his labors on that day.

### WOMAN WHO MAY BECOME BRIDE OF INVENTOR MARCONI.



Although friends of Miss Nina McGillicray, daughter of a prominent physician of Sydney, Cape Breton, deny that she is engaged to Signor Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, it is still believed that there is considerable foundation for the report.

### PRESIDENT AGAIN WILL CONSIDER INDIANOLA MATTER AT TO-MORROW'S CABINET MEETING.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Washington, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt will take up the Indianola, Miss., post office matter at the next meeting of the Cabinet, to be held Tuesday morning. The Inspector sent to Indianola to investigate the case returned to the city last night and will present his report to Assistant Postmaster General Bristow to-morrow morning. Until the report is made neither the Inspector nor Bristow will discuss the case.

### ALFRED BEIT, RICHEST MAN IN SOUTH AFRICA, IS ILL.

Dispatches Received Yesterday in  
London Were More Hopeful,  
but He Is Far From  
Being Out of  
Danger.

### PRICES OF STOCKS AFFECTED.

### SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Jan. 11.—Reports from Johannesburg, concerning the condition of Alfred Beit, the richest man in South Africa, are of a hopeful nature. To-day's advices are of a reassuring character, and while Mr. Beit is far from being out of danger, his physicians, it is said, believe that he will recover.

Mr. Beit, with Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato, created the monopoly known as the "De Beers consolidated mines," and all three built up colossal fortunes from the Kimberley diamond mines. Mr. Beit is a member of the firm of Wertheim, Beit & Co. of this city, and was the banker who backed Cecil Rhodes in his South African ventures.

The news that Mr. Beit is a victim of apoplexy was received on the Stock Exchange on Friday, and as a result Kaffir shares, in which Beit is very largely interested, had a very decided slump.

Following, as it did, the rumors of the attempted assassination of both Lord Milner



ALFRED BEIT.  
Richest man in South Africa, who is critically ill at Cape Town.

and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the news caused all South African shares to fall violently.

With the denial of the assassination rumors and the latest information from Johannesburg, that Mr. Beit is in a fair way toward recovery, bankers look for a recovery in prices of Rand securities to-morrow.

### ABRAM STEVENS HEWITT DYING IN NEW YORK.

Distinguished as Philanthropist, Politician and Student-Organized  
Cooper Union.

New York, Jan. 11.—Abram Stevens Hewitt, Mayor of New York City and distinguished as a philanthropist, politician and student, is dying.

The immediate members of the family were summoned to the house to-night. There were present Mrs. Hewitt, Doctor and Mrs. J. O. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, Miss Hewitt, Miss Eleanor G. Hewitt, and Mrs. Edward H. Hewitt. Mr. Hewitt was in his eighty-first year, having been confined to his bed since Thursday at his residence in this city. He is suffering from obstructive jaundice.

Since then Mr. Hewitt has been constantly attended by Doctor C. H. Chetwood, Doctor E. L. Keyes and Doctor E. L. Keyes, Jr., and three nurses. Doctor Francis Deland was called in consultation.

The bulletin issued at 10 o'clock to-night read as follows:

"Mr. Hewitt has continued to grow progressively weaker. He sleeps most of the time and suffers no pain."

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### WAS FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH.

Prominent Attorney of Omaha Perished in the Cold.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 11.—William D. Beckett, a prominent lawyer of this city, was found on the roadside, five miles west of the city, frozen to death. He was seen in the city shortly after midnight by a friend, who supposed he had gone to his home.

Beckett had been ill for several days and he is believed to have wandered into the country and to have fallen exhausted where he was found to-day by a dairyman. The body was found frozen stiff and he is supposed to have been dead for some time when found.

### LOWER MICHIGAN AFFLICTED.

Snowstorm Becomes Blizzard in Western Part of State.

### WILD RUMOR IN SAXON CAPITAL

Dresden Zeitung Declares M. Giron  
Hypnotized the Impressionable  
Crown Princess.

### SHE IS ILL IN GENEVA.

Separation From Man for Whom  
She Gave Up Everything  
Seems to Have Deprived  
Her of Courage.

### SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

Dresden, Jan. 11.—Copyright, 1903.—Is the Princess Louise under hypnotic influence? Is the query which is being propounded here in professional and journalistic circles.

The Dresden Zeitung prints a statement to the effect that M. Giron exerted a suggestive influence upon the impressionable Crown Princess.

In fact, the most sensational reports are now current in the Saxon capital.

PRINCESS IS DEPRESSED.  
SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.  
Geneva, Jan. 11.—Copyright, 1903.—M. Giron has not been here to-day or yesterday, having evidently taken to heart the seriousness of the advice given to him by his lawyer that he should stay away until the tribunal has given its decision.

Princess Louise accepts no visits and remains confined to her rooms in solitude and in a very depressed state of mind, the separation from M. Giron, combined with other troubles, seeming to have come upon her as a knockout blow and to have diminished the courage she showed when supported by his presence.

That she is ill there is no doubt; how seriously it is impossible to find out.

### ST. LOUIS PARTY RECEIVED.

Pope Took Interest in Child Who  
Noticed His Ring.

Rome, Jan. 11.—The Pope received Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benoit and members of their family and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay of St. Louis in the Vatican to-day.

The 3-year-old daughter of the Benois, who was present, caught sight of the apostolic ring on the Pontiff's hand and asked: "What is that on his finger?"

Mr. and Mrs. Benoit tried to hush the little girl, but the Pope noticed her question and expressed his pleasure at her interest. He caressed her and allowed her to examine the ring.

### STORM DAMAGE IN GEORGIA.

Driving Gale Wrecks Houses in  
Several Small Towns.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 11.—Advises from Berrien and Worth counties, in the southern part of the State, are that a severe windstorm to-day did much damage in each county.

At Omega, in Worth County, the hotel was blown down and a number of houses were wrecked. The house where the storm struck was a large one, and the damage was extensive. The house was blown down and the damage was extensive. The house was blown down and the damage was extensive.

### AT OWENSBORO.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 11.—Owensboro is wrapped in a sheet of ice. Street cars were forced to tie up to-day and it is almost impossible to walk on the streets or pavements. Not a hack has met the trains to-day. A stifling snow has been falling, accompanied by a high wind. City officials report much suffering. Much damage has been done to small craft on the river.

### LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

### WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Missouri—Fair Monday; Tuesday fair and warmer.  
For Illinois—Fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.  
For Texas—Fair Monday and Tuesday.

### STREETS CLEARED OF SNOW.

Downtown pedestrians yesterday were agreeably surprised to find the main business thoroughfares bearing no trace of Saturday night's severe snowstorm. The appearance of Olive street, Washington avenue and Broadway were particularly noticeable in its comparison with the appearance of the other, and less prominent, streets.

The Street Department had accomplished some quick and effective work. The street cleaners became busy and labored overtime, engaged in a vigorous battle with the "beautifull" and almost annihilated the enemy.

And the result was a complete transformation, eclipsing in spectacular effect the noblest efforts of the craftiest stage-hand. And the same was commented upon by those who had occasion to be downtown.

Everybody observed the striking contrast between the cleared and uncleaned streets, and they wondered how the miles of snow had been made to disappear in such short space of time. The snow was not piled up in the gutters. It was gone, and the most rigid search could not reveal it. The men of the brush and shovel had done their work completely, although they had left the stones turned.

### RECORD-BREAKER AT ALTAMONT.

Altamont, Ill., Jan. 11.—Altamont is experiencing one of the heaviest snowstorms that it has had the past twenty years. The wheat will be greatly benefited, but great suffering will result among the poor class of people.

### COLD WAVE TO REACH ST. LOUIS THIS MORNING; THERMOMETER MAY FALL AS LOW AS ZERO.



MRS. ANNIE WHITE, HER SON AND DAUGHTER.  
The son is crippled and the daughter without sufficient clothing.

Doctor Hyatt, Official Weather Forecaster, Predicts the Severe Cold  
Cold Snap of the Season for To-Day, but Says It Will Not  
Last Long—Mercury Hovered About Ten-Degree Mark at  
Midnight—Trains Delayed.

Another cold wave, with a decided drop in temperature, is scheduled for St. Louis to-day.

Doctor R. J. Hyatt, official forecaster, said last night that a real Northwest cold snap was headed direct for this city and should be here in full force some time this morning. At 6 o'clock last evening the thermometer registered 11 degrees above zero, with practically no change up to midnight.

According to Doctor Hyatt's way of figuring, the visitor from the Rockies should tumble the mercury down to zero, and possibly a few notches lower, but he offers some consolation in saying that the wave will not linger long over St. Louis. The weather man says he has given old Boreas a day's limit, after which the weather will moderate.

The effect of the snowstorm and the sudden drop in temperature was somewhat severe on all the westbound trains, none of them arriving on time at the Union Station. All were late from fifteen minutes to five hours. The Vandalia trains, Nos. 5 and 21, were delayed four hours and forty-five minutes and three hours and fifty minutes, respectively. Wabash, from twenty-five minutes to five hours and thirty minutes; Big Four, one and two hours; Chicago and Alton, fifty minutes, one train not being heard from at a late hour, while the Illinois Central trains were from fifteen to thirty minutes off schedule time.

Intense suffering has been caused throughout the northern portion of the Mississippi Valley by the blizzard, which comes while the fuel famine is at its worst.

In some parts of Western Missouri and Kansas the inhabitants felled shade trees, tore down outhouses and cut up sidewalks to kindle fires to keep out the bitter cold.

There was a general drop in the temperature. In Chicago the thermometer showed a fall of twenty-five degrees. The lowest temperature is reported from Bloomington, Ill., where the mercury went to 10 below zero. In South Dakota the reading was 2 below.

Traffic was greatly impeded in Western Kansas and Nebraska by snowdrifts. Telegraph wires are also down in the same territory.

The Chicago Board of Health issued a statement to the effect that the continued high death rate was the result of the coal famine, which subjects the poor to such exposure as to cause much sickness.

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### BLIZZARD CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING

Sudden Drop in Temperature Finds  
Many Poor Families Unpro-  
vided With Fuel.

### MANY CASES OF DESTITUTION.

Mrs. Annie White Has but Ten  
Cents' Worth of Coal, and  
Says She Is in Debt  
for That.

The blizzard and the high price of coal in the tenement districts of the city have caused more than the usual winter suffering. Many families, without means of support, are sick and destitute, possessing neither fuel, bed covering nor clothing.

Many cases were reported to the police yesterday from the crowded sections north of Franklin and south of Cass avenues. The reports of the cases record the suffering under the broad term, "destitution," but a visit to some of the families makes their need more apparent by disclosing it in detail.

Their unfortunate condition, as explained by the sufferers, is due nearly always to the same causes—the death of the breadwinner, drunkenness or desertion. In addition, often one of the many forms of disease which are prevalent in the slums is another evil to combat. The coal is bought in small quantities, 5, 10 or 15 cents worth at a time, and the unfortunate sometimes have not even the means of getting it. The drop in temperature was very sudden, thus rendering the hardship all the more acute.

Two families were especially afflicted. One of these was that of Mrs. Johanna Carroll at No. 119 North Eighth street. In the rear, Mrs. Carroll says she is more than 100 years old. The care of two grandchildren has devolved upon her. As to her extreme age she may be mistaken, but she certainly is very old and feeble. The children are Joe Kane, 8 years old, and Patrick Kane, 15.

The little boy and girl were found in their two small rooms. It was apparent that their clothing was insufficient. The room was chilly and dark. The stove was warm with a dying fire, but no additional coal was in sight. The little girl had said that she had only enough to last one more day.

"I don't know what I will do," she said. "I want to keep my boy and girl, and I'm going to until I die—I'll give them to Father Dempsey, who's a good man. If I can find some way to get through this winter I'll be all right, for I guess I'll be under the sod by next Christmas."

The boy works in a basket factory, and when he can obtain employment, gets \$2 a week. This is the sole support of the family. But the lad's work is not permanent, and there are times when the family has no income whatever. Until four years ago the little family was prosperous enough. Then both the mother and father of the children died, and it has been a hard matter since to keep alive. Little Patrick, or "Paddy," as he is called, is their sole help, save, perhaps, the Reverend Timothy Dempsey of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, who does much to aid the poor of this section of the city.

The season of real winter has fallen with equal severity upon Mrs. Annie White of No. 809 O'Fallon street. Sick herself, with the care of two sick adults on her hands and of one girl of 6 years, Mrs. White has but 10 cents worth of coal in the house and is in debt for that.

This family is composed of Allen Day, 19 years old, Amy Nash, 15, and Lilly Nash, 4, who live in two small rooms. A visit here also tells their condition. The army and navy stores, which are sold at a profit, are the only source of income. One room is a living room and another is used for cooking. The bedding is old and the covering not fit to fight off the cold of zero weather. The heat of the stove must be reserved for such little cooking as is necessary when there is no provision in the house. Consequently the home is uncomfortable, even to one clad in an overcoat.

Mrs. White has been married three times. She is compelled to support herself and the three others by doing washing, but her own physical condition and the sickness of those dependent upon her has taken from her the strength and the time to work and to look for work.

Her first husband died twenty-four years ago. Two sons survived him, Frank and Nimrod Day. They were her support for years. At the outbreak of the Spanish War Nimrod, the eldest, joined the army and fought through the Santiago campaign. He was stationed in Cuba after the cessation of hostilities, was stricken with fever and became an invalid. He is now at the Soldiers' Home in Danville, Ill.

Frank, when his brother left, was his mother's support. But, on last election day, a heavy weight fell upon him, rendering him a cripple. Since then he has been able to do nothing, and it is not thought that he will ever regain his strength. Until this winter the oldest daughter, Amy Nash, a child of the second husband, was the school regularly and enjoyed perfect health. Without warning she suffered a stroke of paralysis and is now helpless. This leaves as the only healthy member the girl Lilly, who is too young to do any work, and who last night was barefooted and wore but a light skirt over her limbs.

The rent in the tenements runs from \$2 to \$5 per month for two small rooms. The entire earnings of Paddy Carroll for a week are required to meet the rent. \$4 a month. As a rule, however, landlords are lenient when the weather is so severe and allow time in which payments can be made.

### Snowstorm at Danville.

Danville, Ill., Jan. 11.—On account of the severe snowstorm which commenced about 10 o'clock last night, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois was unable to make a new record to-day by landing 2,500 tons of coal at that place. It was difficult to keep up ordinary traffic on the Eastern Illinois. The passenger service is practically stopped. The passenger service is practically stopped. The passenger service is practically stopped.

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